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1. GIVEN NEAR COINCIDENCE IN DATES FOR APRIL 24-27 MINING MISSION TO GREECE AND ONE DAY APRIL 28 PETROCHEMICAL SPECIALIZED MISSION (REFS. C, D AND E), EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT OVERLAP OF TWO MISSIONS WOULD REDUCE WORK LOAD AND BE DESIRABLE FOR BOTH. FOR EXAMPLE, IF PETROCHEMICAL MISSION IS PLANNING TO OVERNIGHT IN ATHENS APR 27, JOINT MISSION RECEPTION WOULD BE DESIRABLE SINCE MANY OF GREEK GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE SECTOR GUESTS WOULD BE OF EQUAL INTEREST TO BOTH GROUPS. PROGRAMS, HOWEVER, WOULD REMAIN SEPARATE, SINCE PETROCHEMICAL MISSION WILL HAVE ONE DAY'S SCHEDULE OF VISITS TO MAJOR PROJECT OFFICES IN ATHENS AREA. IF JOINT RECEPTION CONSIDERED DESIRABLE, EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT MINING MISSION RESCHEDULE WORKING DAYS IN ATHENS FOR APRIL 27-29. ALTERNATIVELY, WE PROPOSE THAT PLANNED MINING MISSION DATES FOR GREECE AND TURKEY BE REVERSED TO SEPARATE TWO MISSIONS AND PERMIT ONE WEEK INTERVAL FOR FINAL PREPARATION OF PETROCHEMICAL MISSION SCHEDULE.

2. PRODUCT CATEGORIES FOR RECRUITMENT PURPOSES ARE APPLICABLE TO GREECE AND INCLUSION OF MINING CONSULTING AND
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ENGINEERING DESIGN (ITEM 6) VERY IMPORTANT. WE SUGGEST

THAT RECURITMENT ALSO INCLUDE ORE DRESSING AND PROCESSING
EQUIPMENT, SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS FOR RESEARCH AND ASSAYING,
AND LARGE HIGHWAY TRUCKS (REF B).

3. IN LINE WITH RECOMMENDATIONS DURING OCTOBER 26-28 MILAN
COMMERCIAL OFFICERS' CONFERENCE, POST DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT
MISSION ADVANCE OFFICER IS NECESSARY.
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